Tambin Cho

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Research Interests

- ***Urban Political Ecology:*** *Narratives and agendas mobilized by the state to shape urban nature and its representations, particularly in legitimizing development projects*
- ***Environmental History + Landscape Studies:*** *Environmental and technological transformations of urban landscape and waterscape, associated with twentieth-century developmentalism and their legacies in Seoul and Singapore*
- ***Urban Liminal Animals:*** *Dynamics of urbanized species in cities that inhabit the threshold between the "wild" and the "domestic," illuminating the socio-ecological relations that emerge in dense urban environments*

Education

PhD	**Georgia Institute of Technology**, History of Technology and Science	2025 - Current
MLA	**Seoul National University**, Landscape Architecture • *Thesis | Han River Park as a Socio-cultural Assemblage: Constructing and Negotiating the State-Nature Nexus* • *Advisor | Professor Jeong-Hann Pae*	Feb 2025
BA **BLA**	**Seoul National University**, Sociology **Seoul National University**, Landscape Architecture • *Graduated Cum Laude*	Feb 2023
Exchange	**National University of Singapore**	Jan - May 2020

Publications

(PEER-REVIEWED)

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2024). "Interpreting the Evolving Idea of the 'Garden' in Singapore's Urban Environmental Policy" Journal of the Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture. 52(4). 86-103. DOI:10.9715/KILA.2024.52.4.086

(BOOK CHAPTER)

Tambin Cho. (2026). "From Concealment to Restoration: The Language and Logic of Governance in Seoul's Stream Development." *In K. Hyein (Ed.) Water and Time: Collective Mapping—Project Book of Artworks and Researches.*

Tambin Cho. (2025). "Living Apart Together with Singaporean Wild Chickens." In L. Hansol, C. Tambin, P. Soyeong, & K. Sohee (Eds.), Urban Landscape Catalog, vol. 7: Nonhuman, Creatures in the City (pp. 126-133)

Tambin Cho, Sohee Kwon, Hansol Lim, Soyeong Park. "Roundtable: Seoul's Urban Environment as Habitat for Liminal Animals: The Case of Stray Cats." In L. Hansol, C. Tambin, P. Soyeong, & K. Sohee (Eds.), Urban Landscape Catalog, vol. 7: Nonhuman, Creatures in the City (pp. 152-169)

(MEDIA)

Tambin Cho. (2026). "Reading the City, Entering the City. *In PRISM, PP PICK* link

Tambin Cho. (2026). "Asking Animals about the City." Interview by Kim Nayeon. *In PRISM, PP PICK* link

Tambin Cho. (2026). "Beyond the Blueprint: Towards Sensing the More-than-Human City." *In Landscape Architecture Korea(LAK), Issue 456.* link

Research Experiences

Visiting Researcher, Lee Kuan Yew Center for Innovative Cities — May - Aug 2025
Singaporean Case of Urban Otters: Agenda and Maintenance

Interpreter and **On-site Coordinator**, The ChungNam Institute — May 2025
Ecological Map Development (Phase 3) of Taean County

Research Advisor and **Interpreter**, The Incheon Institute — Feb - May 2025
Enhancing Global Urban Competitiveness Through Green Infrastructure Development: The Case of Singapore's Garden City Initiative

Principal Investigator, The Seoul Institute — Apr 2024 - Jan 2025
Seoul's Urban Environment as Habitat for Liminal Animals: The Case of Stray Cats

- *Awarded Excellent Research*

Academic Presentations

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2025). "Invisible Gardeners Behind the Garden: Immigrant Labor and the Maintenance of Singapore's Green City", *Conference of Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) 2025 Annual Conference, Portland, USA*

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2024). "Analysis of Korean Media Coverage on the 'Garden City': Visualization of Trends and Text Mining Using BigKinds and R" *Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture Spring Conference 2024, Cheongju, Republic of Korea*

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2023). "Critical Reconstruction of James Corner's Landscape Urbanism: Focusing on Connecting and Restructuring the Keywords in the Essay Landscape Urbanism" *Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture Fall Conference 2023, Online*

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2023). "Be-ing a Stray Cat in Seoul: Re-reading the City in the Eyes of Nonhumans" *Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture Spring Conference 2023, Suncheon, Republic of Korea*

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2022). "Interpreting the 'Garden' in Singapore's Urban Development: Focusing on the Changing Slogans" *International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) 2022 World Congress, Gwangju, Republic of Korea*

Tambin Cho, Jeong-Hann Pae. (2021). "Changes in the 'Garden' Concept in Singapore's Green Urban Policy" *Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture Fall Conference 2021, Online*

Awards and Scholarships

Kenneth Kranzberg Fellowship School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech — Aug 2026

Forest and Solidarity Scholarship Korea Safety Health Environment Foundation — Mar 2024
Full tuition and monthly stipend

SNULA Best Honor Graduate SNU Department of Landscape Architecture — Feb 2023

Invited Talks

Presenter, *Book Talk, <HABIT©AT>* — Nov 2025
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Co-Presenter, *Research Seminar* — Jul 2025
ChungNam Institute Garden Research Group

Congratulatory Remarks, *IFLA 2022 World Congress* — Aug 2022
International Federation of Landscape Architects

Young Coordinator Representative, *Public Hearing on the Yongsan Park Masterplan* — Nov 2021
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport

Keynote Speech, *KILA Fall Conference 2020* — Sep 2021
Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture

Teaching

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA

Survey of U.S. History II (HIST2112) — Fall 2026
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

College English 1 (L0441.000600) — Fall 2023, Spring/Fall 2024
Speaking Lab Tutor

History and Theory of Oriental Landscape Architecture (5271.323A) — Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant

Theories in Contemporary Landscape Architecture (M1714.000100) — Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant

Experience

Special Issue Editor — Jan - Dec 2025
Urban Landscape Catalog (ULC) Press

Program Co-curator — Sep - Nov 2025
<Water and Time: Collective Mapping> Fieldwork for Future, Supported by Arts Council Korea (ARKO)

Secretary — Sep - Nov 2025
The 19th International Landscape Symposium of Korea, China, and Japan Organizing Committee, Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture

Editor-in-chief, 6th — Sep 2021 - Jul 2022
LAView, Landscape Architecture Departmental Magazine, Seoul National University

Young Coordinator — Mar - Jul 2021
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport - Yongsan National Park Public Participation Group

President, 30th — Sep 2020 - Jul 2021
SNU Student Ambassadors, Seoul National University

Other Projects

[Research-based Studio] Becoming a Stray Cat in Seoul — Spring/Fall 2022

[Research] The Expansion of the 'Sharosugil' Commercial District and the Formation of a New Consumer Culture Space — Spring 2022

[Research] Otters' Placemaking Practice at the Han River — Spring 2022

[Research] A Study on the Consensus Building Process for the Gwanghwamun Plaza Reconstruction Project — Winter 2021

[Studio] PlayAlley: Re-designing the Alleys of Haebangchon as a Place for Children to Play — Fall 2021

[Research] Shift in State and Public Interventions on Yeongdeungpo's Jjokbangchon (informal housing district) in the 2000s: A Governance Perspective — Fall 2020

Skills and Tools

Skills: Grant Writing, IRB Application, Archival Analysis, Textual/Visual Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Interview Design

Tools: ArcGIS Pro, R, DEVONthink 3, AutoCAD, Adobe Design Suite

Languages: English (Full Professional Proficiency, TOEFL 117; GRE V 164), Korean (Native)